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Addendum

Annotations to the items on the agenda of the resumed eighth session

In its decision IDB.8/Dec.45, the Industrial Development Board on 6 July 1991 decided to resume its eighth session, for half a day only on 23 August 1991, immediately after the resumed seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee of that date, for the purpose of continuing the consideration of items 8 and 11 (e) of the agenda of the eighth session.

Item 8. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

Upon recommendation of the Board (decision IDB.5/Dec.7) and at the request of the General Conference at its third session (resolution GC.3/Res.10), the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 44/237 proclaimed the period 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA) In its resolution GC.3/Res.10, the Conference addressed a number of requests to the Director-General related to the formulation and implementation of programmes for the Second IDDA and also requested the Director-General to report on the implementation of that resolution through the Board to the Conference at its fourth session.

Progress reports on the preparations for a programme for the Second IDDA were submitted by the Director-General to the Board at its seventh and eighth sessions (IDB.7/25 and IDB.8/23).

At its eighth session, the Board decided to resume the consideration of the Second IDDA at its resumed session of 23 August 1991 (decisions IDB.8/Dec.15 and 45), when the Board will be informed of the recommendations of the tenth Conference of African Ministers of Industry concerning the programme for the Second IDDA.

The Board will have before it:

- Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa. Note by the Director-General (on the recommendations of the tenth Conference of African Ministers of Industry) (IDB.8/23/Add.1-GC.4/10/Add.1)

Item 11. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

(e) Programme and budgets, 1992-1993

In accordance with Articles 14.1 and 14.3 of the Constitution, the Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Board through the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC) a draft programme of work for the following fiscal period, together with the corresponding estimates for those activities to be financed from the regular budget. The Director-General shall, at the same time, submit proposals and financial estimates for those activities to be financed from voluntary contributions to the Organization. The Board shall examine the proposals of the Director-General together with any recommendations of the Committee and adopt the programme of work, the regular budget and the operational budget, with such modifications as it deems necessary, for submission to the Conference for consideration and approval. Such adoption shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

At its seventh session, the Board requested the Director-General to ensure that the prioritization of the thrust areas, for which the programme resources are proposed for the 1992-1993 budget, is in conformity with the priorities already approved for the medium-term plan, 1990-1995, in Conference resolution GC.3/Res.21 (decision IDB.7/Dec.14, para. (h)).

In April 1991, the PBC had before it the proposals of the Director-General for the programme and budgets, 1992-1993, as contained in documents IDB.8/8 and Corr.1. On that occasion, the Committee, in its conclusion 1991/6, took note of major uncertainties in the budget, in the light of which it was unable to recommend to the Board for adoption the budget contained in IDB.8/8 and Corr.1, and requested the Director-General to revise accordingly his budget proposals for the 1992-1993 biennium. The PBC also decided to resume it seventh session on 27 June 1991 with the aim of resolving uncertainties in the light of information that would then be available.

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On 27 June, the Committee, having considered the revised proposals of the Director-General for the programme and budgets, 1992-1993 (IDB.8/8/Rev.1) and relevant information (IDB.8/8/Rev.1/Add.1; PBC.7/CRP.13 and Add.1; IDB.8/4/Add.1), decided that it was unable at that resumed session to recommend to the Board the adoption of the budget contained in documents IDB.8/8/Rev.1 and Add.1, and thus also decided to resume again its seventh session on 23 August 1991 for the purpose of recommending to the Board the programme and budgets, 1992-1993, taking into account the comments and views expressed during the session of 27 June.

Subsequently, the Board at its eighth session, in July 1991, requested the Director-General to prepare for submission to the resumed session of the Committee a revised version of the programme and budget proposal for 1992-1993 contained in document IDB.8/8/Rev.1, in the light of the comments made by Member States during the resumed seventh session of the Committee of 27 June and the eighth session of the Board (decisions IDB.8/Dec.22 and Dec.35 (d)).

In its decision IDB.8/Dec.35 concerning the computerization programme of UNIDO, the Board also requested that, in conformity with financial regulations 3.4 and 4.3, and since the electronic data-processing (EDP) project was to be regarded as a separate major object of expenditure, a revised version of the programme and budgets, 1992-1993, should contain a listing of resource requirements for the EDP project, and that all EDP non-staff costs should be identified as such in that listing, as well as being spread among different user departments. Resources required for that purpose until 1995 should also be indicated. It also requested that the EDP Project Liaison Committee make further efforts to identify the technically most suitable and cost effective EDP system and with that in view, to pursue an in-depth examination of existing proposals and observations. The Board further requested the Director-General to examine the results of those efforts and, in consultation with the EDP Project Liaison Committee, to negotiate further with IBM, and if appropriate, with other suitable computer firms so as to obtain a cost-effective EDP system fitted to the needs of UNIDO. The Director-General was also requested to report progress to a resumed eighth session of the Board on 23 August 1991, with the aim of its authorizing, on the advice of the PBC, the Director-General to bring the negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion. Following the meeting of the Project Liaison Committee on 31 July 1991, the consultants submitted a revised version of appendix I to their draft final report on the strategic automation project (PBC.7/CRP.13 and Add.1), as well as additional appendices to that report, i.e. appendix VII, summarizing the discussions with the Working Group of Independent Experts and appendix VIII on volume information of the EDP system.

The Board will thus have before it:

- Programme and budgets, 1992-1993. Revised proposals of the Director-General (IDB.8/8/Rev.2)

- Computerization programme of UNIDO. Progress report by the Director-General

- A PBC conclusion with recommendations to the Board on the programme and budgets, 1992-1993, emanating from the PBC resumed seventh session of 23 August 1991

- Computerization programme of UNIDO. Strategic automation project - Draft final report. Submitted by Touche Ross Management Consultants. Addendum (PBC.7/CRP.13/Add.2).